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General Comment

US EPA & its senior staff on this initiative:

- 1- are doing critical, good work, with objective verbage.
- 2- are using due-process with tools/ laws at hand, esp. the TMDL portions of PL-92-500- as amended/updated. Many innitiatives & reg. guidance will/should apply nation-wide.
- 3- should keep focused here yet ever mindful of collaborative and innovative ways to the key goals/ W.Q. Stds.
- 4- must keep summarizing and capturing the many "benefits" to watershed & USA from these efforts plus produce key "Cost/Benefit" reviews (which should substitute for the time-consuming "Use Attainability Analysis" some ask for).
- 5- should lead/educate watershed stakeholders that 3 of the worst 4 "pollutants"--sediments, total N and total P--are really valuable *resources, not "wastes", that if conserved and better utilized on our lands or urban & commercial places we'd overall gain benefits and improved sustainability.
- 6- should continue persistent and objective push for "reasonable assurance" that State plans will meet goals.
- 7- should continue critical, cutting-edge work to refine the Ches. Bay computer models and be able to demonstrate its usefullness and validity to appropriate, informed critics.
- 8- should continue efforts toward pollution prevention and "no-dischage" in continuation to key ideas and thrust of PL 92-500 and its updates since 1972 passage.
- 9- should summarize the personal observations of Bay residents who have witnessed the degradation of this National Treasure. I grew up (> 10 yo) in Mathews County,Va. from 1958 and have seen/ witnessed many deteriorations and disasters on the Va. portion of this watershed. Those key Ches. Bay goals of 1983- as updated- are way past due date!